Met Office announces new training dates for renewable energy professionals

1 July 2014 - To meet increasing demand for its specialist meteorology training course for renewable energy professionals, the Met Office has announced a series of new course dates throughout 2014 and early next year.

The *Introduction to meteorology for renewable energy professionals* course aims to help those in the onshore and offshore renewable energy industry better understand and interpret meteorological information. Developed by the Met Office College, the course enables delegates to optimise operations and site safety.

The two day training comprises a variety of modules, the first covering weather regimes and fronts. Delegates will examine what drives our weather, learn about air masses and study their implication for wind demand and maintenance activities. Delegates will explore how hazardous weather conditions can threaten wind farm operations.

Modules also include localised wind effects, topography, sea states, tide analysis and observing how waves form. Delegates will learn about various forecasting methods and how probabilities allow better evaluation of confidence.

Edward Young, Project Manager at Endurance Wind Power, described the course as "A fascinating course with a huge amount of knowledge imparted." Jess Griffiths, Site Assessor for Aeolus Power Ltd, and course delegate said: "I thoroughly enjoyed it and would love to sit another similar course." The training allows time for detailed explanations and practical exercises.

The Met Office College is now taking bookings for the following dates:

6-7 August, 2014, Glasgow

11-12 November 2014, Birmingham

21-22 January, 2015, Reading

To take advantage of the early bird delegate rate please book four weeks ahead of the course start date. The early bird rate is £855, the rate thereafter is £950. Met Office training is VAT exempt.

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